

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Prehistoric Newton Site 18MO274 - Phase II Archeological Investigations for U.S. Route 29
from Sligo Creek to Patuxent River, Montgomery County, Maryland, PDMS No. 152019
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Sites examined:

18MO274

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[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

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Phase III

Project Justification:

The Maryland Highway Administration plans to widen US Route 29 in Montgomery County, Maryland and in doing so create new exit interchanges. Proposed construction right-of-ways encompassed the Newton prehistoric site which was first identified by a Phase I survey in 1986. Since construction plans endangered the site and its research significance was unknown, a Phase II study was required.

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Project Objectives:

- Establish vertical and horizontal site limits in relationship with the project boundaries.
- Interpret site history, nature, and significance with reference to the research questions in the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan.
- Evaluate the site in terms of its eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places.
- Make and explain any necessary recommendations for additional archeological examination.

Research Potential:

Because of the lack of artifacts with temporal or cultural attributes, the disturbed context of cultural materials, and the absence of subsurface features, 18MO274 is considered to have limited research value. Additional investigations will only duplicate existing information and not make a significant contribution to the archeological record of Montgomery County.